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**Child Care Provider Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Taxpayers**

Today, Latasha Jackson (Wilder) pleaded guilty in to defrauding the state's subsidized child care program Wisconsin Shares. This guilty plea is a result of years of hard work and collaboration between the Department of Children and Families and law enforcement.

Ms. Jackson was the license holder for Latasha's Learning Enterprise and Kiddie Springs Child Development Center and is one of the largest Wisconsin Shares fraud cases prosecuted thus far. Ms. Jackson pleaded guilty to conspiracy, theft of government property and wire fraud.

In response to Ms. Jackson's guilty plea, Secretary Eloise Anderson said, "Ms. Jackson committed child care fraud, drained scarce resources and tarnished the image of all day care providers. The majority of child care providers operate legally and provide a much needed service to their communities. They generally are not living in multi-million dollar mansions and driving luxury cars but are working hard to ensure that parents have a safe place to take their children while they are working to support their families."

Governor Scott Walker and the Department of Children and Families are committed to aggressively detecting and preventing fraud in the Wisconsin Shares program. By tackling fraud in Wisconsin Shares, the Department of Children and Families has saved taxpayers over \$148 million.

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